

# News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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## **Public Service Announcement**

### **“Carbon Monoxide”**

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that kills many people every year.

The tragic fact is that most of these deaths can be prevented.

Carbon monoxide gas, CO, is produced when any fuel is burned.

Have your home heating systems (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.

Do not use fuel-burning devices such as gasoline-powered generators, gasoline-powered camp stoves and lanterns, or charcoal grills in your home, garages, or any other confined space.

Have vents and chimneys checked to assure that snow or ice does not block or impede the exhaust from water heaters and furnaces.

Install carbon monoxide alarms with battery backup in your home outside separate sleeping areas.

Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.

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